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Serial No.: 09/600,673 Group Art Unit No.: 1642
Filed: 20 July 2000 Examiner: A. Holleran
For: Cellulose Derivatives and Colorectal Cancer Risk Reduction

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed July 2, 2002 having a shortened statutory period of 3 months, please enter the following Remarks and Amendments into the record. Also enclosed herewith is a petition for a three (3) month extension of the shortened statutory period set by the Examiner, a Notice of Appeal, and authorization to charge the required fees to the indicated deposit account.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph being at line 33, on page 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A suitable, alternative formulation for use herein includes, but is not limited to the fast dissolving methylcellulose tablets as described in Daggy et al., PCT/US98/17405, filed 8/21/98, now US Patent 6,350,469 or PCT/US98/17440, filed 8/21/98, now US Patent 6,372,253 whose disclosures are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3 and 12.

Please amend the following claims:

1 (amended). A method of reducing the incidence of colorectal cancers in a mammal in need thereof, which method consists essentially of administering to said mammal

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